GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – BC Welfare Department – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddygudem, WG District (now retired)- Article of Charges – Orders – Issued.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.30 **Dated:12-02-2024**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, Rc.No.072/DES-EWG/2019, dt.27.07.2022.
2. G.O.Ms.No.11, BCW(D) Department, dt.12.02.2024.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government vide reference 2nd read above, under Sub-Clause (i) of clause (b) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for initiating departmental proceedings against Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddygudem, WG District (now retired), it is considered necessary to hold an inquiry against the said Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, ABCWO (now retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddygudem, WG District (now retired)is directed to submit her written statement of defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of the order.

4. Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddygudem, WG District (now retired) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddygudem, WG District (now retired) is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the period specified at Para (3) above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddygudem, WG District (now retired) is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that under no circumstances Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that the said Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddygudem, WG District (now retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt P.P. Prasanna Kumari, Asst. BC Welfare Officer (now retired)
"through" the Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and return the dated acknowledged served copy to Government).
Copy to the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, 2nd Floor, NTR Admn. Bhavan, P.N. Bus Station, Vijayawada, A.P.

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[Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.30, BCW(D) Dept., Dt:12.02.2024]

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SMT P.P. PRASANNA KUMARI, THE THEN ASST. BC WELFARE OFFICER, JANGAREDDYGUDEM, WG DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED):-

CHARGE-1:

That Smt.P.P.Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddigudem (now Rtd.) has failed to supervise the Hostel Welfare Officer, Govt. BC Boys Hostels, Rajampalem, Gopalapuram, W.G.District failed to take all possible steps to ensure proper maintenance of the hostel by the staff and failed to mention visiting notes in the Inspection Register.

Thus, Smt.P.P. Prasanna Kumari, Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddigudem, West Godavari District by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of a member of service and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and instructions issued in circular Rc.No.D1/4109/97, Dt:21.04.1998 of C.B.C.W.P., of the Commissioner of BC, A.P., Hyderabad.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT P.P. PRASANNA KUMARI, THE THEN ASST. BC WELFARE OFFICER, JANGAREDDYGUDEM, WG DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED):-

CHARGE-1:

Smt.P.P.Prasanna Kumari, the then Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Jangareddigudem (now Rtd.) has failed to supervise the Hostel Welfare Officer, Govt. BC Boys Hostels, Rajampalem, Gopalapuram, W.G.District failed to take all possible steps to ensure proper maintenance of the hostel by the staff and failed to mention visiting notes in the Inspection Register.

FACTS IN EVIDENCE:

On credible information that the Hostel Welfare Officer, Govt. BC Boys Hostel, Rajamapalem (V), Gopalapuram is inflating the number of boarders and misappropriating the Govt. funds allotted to the maintenance of the hostel, a surprise check was conducted on 17.12.2019 at 07.00 hours and found certain irregularities. The following are the facts revealed during the surprise check.

1. The Hostel Welfare Officer inflated the number of boarders in the attendance register and swallowed the amount. As per the bio metric attendance, 37 boarders had to be present in the hostel including 10th class boarders, but, only 33 boarders were found to be present in the hostel at the time of surprise check.
2. As per the Attendance Register of Boarders, 49 boarders were residing in the hostel for the month of December, 2019, but only 33 boarders were found to be present in the hostel at the time of surprise check. When questioned about their absence, the HWO kept silent and failed to produce any permission letters.
3. The HWO failed to maintain the attendance register of boarders up to date. When perused the attendance register, the HWO did not take the attendance of the Boarders on 15.12.2019, 16.12.2019 and 17.12.2019.
4. On perusal of the provisions stock issue register, variations for an amount of Rs. 2,141/- Shortage (-) and Rs.1,884/- Excess (+) were found. Shortage of 2 pairs of civil dress was found. Shortage of 2 pairs of uniform dress was found.
5. The HWO failed to provide menu as per diet menu. The HWO is not providing Egg, snacks and banana to the boarders as per prescribed menu.
6. The Hostel building was not in a good condition. Only one bathroom cum toilet was found in the hostel and it was not being used by the boarders and it was found in very bad condition. All boarders have been attending their calls of nature on the road side and taking their bath in open area as there was no bath room and toilet in the hostel. All boarders are suffering with skin deceases as there was no water facility in the hostel.

7. The HWO failed to maintain the some of the registers i.e. Attendance Register of the Boarders (Signatures), Daily purchase Register, Cash Book, Movement register of HWO and Staff.

The Hostel Welfare Officer has committed above irregularities due to the slack supervision of the ABCWO.

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As such, it is clearly evident that the Govt. Servant failed to supervise the acts of the Hostel Welfare Officer and thereby failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty by contravening Rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT P.P. PRASANNA KUMARI, THE THEN ASST. BC WELFARE OFFICER, JANGAREDDYGUDEM, WG DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1. Original Mediators Report in SC.No.1/SC-EWG/2019 of ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru, dated: 17.12.2019.
2. Biometric Attendance sheets for the month of Dec-2019.
3. Attendance Register of Borders.
4. Staff attendance –cum- Leave account Register.
5. Staff attendance register (Outsourcing).
6. Provisions Stock and Issue Register.
7. Material stock – cum – Acquitance Register.
8. Cosmetic charges Acquitance Register.
9. Visitor's Register.
10. Boarder's movement register.
11. Staff Salary Acquitance register.
12. Budget watch cum contingent register.
13. Permanent cum condemned articles register.
14. Any other documents, if any

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT P.P. PRASANNA KUMARI, THE THEN ASST. BC WELFARE OFFICER, JANGAREDDYGUDEM, WG DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1. Sri Nalamala Reventh S/o. Venkateswara Rao, Occ: Sub-Registrar, Kovvur, West Godavari District r/o. S.R. Residency, Kanuru, Vijayawada.
2. Sri Veeranki Srinivas S/o. Venkata Bhupathi Rao, Senior Assistant, O/o. Sub-Registrar, Jangareddigudem, r/o. Hanuman Nagar, Near Sikkula Temple, Eluru.
3. Sri Selaboina Rambabu, Asst. BC Welfare Officer, Kovvur, W.G.Dist.,
4. Sri K.Srinivasu, Inspector, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru, West Godavari District.
5. Sri M.Sudhakara Rao, Dy. Supdt. of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru, West Godavari District.
6. Any other witnesses , if any

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